THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, the report that is placed before the House is the one that is published."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" Sir, may I know whether the report that is submitted to the Government is different from the report that is given to the Members here?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" As I have already said, Sir, it cannot be revealed in public interest."

Strike by Malabar Elementary school teachers.

* 597 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have been given notice or otherwise know that the Malabar Elementary school teachers are intending to strike work consequent upon the Government's intransigent attitude; and

(*b*) what the Government propose to do to avert the strike?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) It has been brought to the notice of Government that a section of the aided elementary school teachers of Malabar propose to strike work if their demands are not met.

" (*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the reply of the Chief Minister to the Budget debate on grants for Education in the Assembly on the 23rd March 1953. Action is being taken in the light of the assurances given by the Chief Minister."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Hon. the Minister for Education and the Hon. the Chief Minister requested on the floor of the House the Members of the Legislature to co-operate with the Government to see that the tension was brought down and accordingly the Members of the Legislature belonging to all parties including Members of Parliament convened a conference of the teachers and a Committee of Conciliation was organized and the teachers were requested not to go on a strike till this Committee met and approached the Government to settle the matter, will the Government be pleased to co-operate with this Committee in solving this matter?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Sir, the Government are contemplating a scheme of direct payment to the teachers and also for the deduction at source of the Provident Fund subscriptions. Details are being worked out."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" And I may also add that the proposals will be sent to the teachers' union for their comments."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—" Sir, is it a fact that the present educational policy of the Government is designed to increase the

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work load of the teachers and decrease their salary while the intended strike was for an increase in salary and a decrease in the work load?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, as I have already said, the question of revision of salaries is under consideration."

Appointment of retrenched ex-civil supplies clerks.

* 598 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of retrenched ex-civil supplies clerks who appeared for the Special Competitive Examination held by the Madras Public Service Commission, 1952;

(*b*) the number of persons who secured minimum pass marks in the said examination;

(*c*) whether any or all of the candidates who have secured pass marks have been appointed in Government service;

(*d*) if so, how many; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that all the candidates who have secured minimum pass marks were not appointed, contrary to the Government Order, on the ground that they have not secured about 45 per cent of marks?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"(*a*) The number of Civil Supplies clerks who appeared for the examination in question was eight hundred and fifty-seven.

"(*b*) Seven hundred and ninety-seven.

"(*c*) & (*d*) Four hundred and twenty-five candidates have so far been selected for appointment from among those who obtained the minimum qualifying marks.

"(*e*) No, Sir. Candidates who obtained a minimum of 30 per cent of the total number of marks have been included by the Madras Public Service Commission in the list prepared on the results of the examinations held in February and June 1952. From this list candidates are being allotted as and when their turn for selection is reached for allotment with due regard to the reservation rule."

Construction of a syphon across Vadavar.

* 599 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a syphon across Vadavar and the excavation of Vadavar left side channel were taken up in the year 1951–52 under intensive cultivation scheme in the South Arcot Division;